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SUBJECT: NATO - STRAUSZ-HUPE IN STUTTGART

1. FORTY-THREE MOSTLY YOUTHFUL POLITICAL ACTIVISTS FROM THREE MAJOR GERMAN PARTIES GATHERED LAST WEEK (EVENING OF OCT. 28) IN STUTTGART AMERICA HOUSE TO DISCUSS STATE OF THE ALLIANCE WITH AMBASSADOR TO NATO STRAUSZ-HUPE.

2. AMBASSADOR WON ADMIRATION FOR VIGOROUS AND COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY OF HIS IDEAS EVEN FROM SEVEREST CRITICS.

3. POINTS MADE INCLUDED NECESSITY FOR WEST TO MAKE SACRIFICES AND ACCEPT SLOWER ECONOMIC GROWTH TO ASSURE MILITARY PROTECTION DURING CURRENT PERIOD OF GREATEST THREAT TO WESTERN VALUES; READINESS OF U.S. TO DEFEND A EUROPE WHICH INCLUDES BERLIN AND EASTERN EUROPE; IMPORTANCE OF NATO'S MORAL OBLIGATIONS AND A NEED TO SHIFT EMPHASIS FROM MILITARY TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ASPECTS.

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4. AMBASSADOR SPENT OVER FOUR HOURS WITH THE GROUP INCLUDING DISCUSSION TIME BEFORE AND AFTER AN IN-HOUSE BUFFET SUPPER, PROVIDED THE OCCASION FOR A NUMBER OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO "DISCOVER" THE AMERIKA HAUS, WHICH REGARDS THE EVENING AS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS.

5. CALLS ON ACTING MINISTER PRESIDENT AND CDU FRACTION LEADER IN THE LANDTAG ROUNDED OUT FULL PROGRAM IN STUTTGART MARRED ONLY BY A FORCE MAJEURE IN THE FORM OF THICK FOG WHICH PREVENTED HIS ARRIVAL IN TIME FOR LUNCHEON AT CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE. KLIEFORTH

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